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1. In early 1950, the Security Director's Office in Carinthia reported that Austrian communists planned to use electric power lines for inter-zonal communication during national emergencies. The plan was first detected when an informant of the Security Director's office reported that an Austrian Communist Party member was trying very hard to be transferred to a job which would have given him access to the power line telephone system. Subsequent inquiries revealed that communist workers in the Tyrol and Vorarlberg were also attempting to maneuver themselves into positions in which they would have access to the power lines.
2. Power systems in Austria have always provided for emergency telephone communication. The regular power lines can be utilized as telephone lines with the help of an adapter.

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